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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD
SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: REPORTED PRESSURE ON JAPANESE FIRMS TO
TERMINATE LICENSING ARRANGEMENT WITH RCA

REF: (A) STATE 123382, (B) TOKYO 7902 (NOTAL)

1. KUWAIT OFFICIAL GAZETTE, KUWAIT AL-YOU, ON MAY 15 PUBLISHED
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NOTICE BOYCOTTING ALL MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL
CO. EQUIPMENT PRODUCED UNDER LICENSE FROM RCA. FIRM'S
LOCAL MANAGER TELLS US KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE HAS GIVEN NO
REASON IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO WHY ACTION TAKEN.
MANAGER SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY FIRM SINGLED OUT,
SINCE MANY FIRMS USE SAME PATENT AND PROCESS. MATSUSHITA
AGENT CANNOT IMPORT ANY MORE EQUIPMENT PRODUCED UNDER RCA

LICENSE INTO KUWAIT. BUT IS ALLOWED TO SELL OFF ITS PRESENT INVENTORY.

2. MARCH 6 EDITION OF KUWAIT OFFICIAL GAZETTE INCLUDED BOYCOTT OF NEC EQUIPMENT PRODUCED UNDER LICENSE FROM RCA. JAPANESE EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TELLS US HITACHI SIMILARLY BOYCOTTED AT EARLIER DATE.

3. JAPANESE EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND NEWLY ARRIVED DCM TOLD E/C SECTION CHIEF JUNE 1 THAT THEIR EMBASSY STILL STUDYING MATTER AND HAS NOT RECIEVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE PROBLEM WITH GOK. WE WENT OVER POINTS REF A, EMPHASIZING CONCERN OVER DIFFICULTIES BOYCOTTING OF LICENEES COULD CAUSE. THEY AGREED, BUT SAID THEY ARE STILL STUDYING BEST WAY OF HANDLING PROBLEM IN KUWAIT. THEY NOTED THAT IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE FIRMS WAS AT KUWAITI INITIATIVE OR THAT OF CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE IN DAMASCUS, SINCE IT APPEARED THAT IRAQ AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES HAD BOYCOTTED AT LEAST ONE OF THE FIRMS IN QUESTION.

4. COMMENT: JAPANESE EMBASSY WILL PROBABLY FIRST TRY QUIET APPROACHES THROUGH KUWAITI AGENTS OF JAPANESE FIRMS, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS BEST WAY. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION OTHER ADDRESSEES, ESPECIALLY DAMASCUS, MAY PICK UP INDICATING THAT BOYCOTT IS MORE THAN KUWAITI INITIATIVE.

5. ABOVE TYPED BEFORE ARRIVAL OF TOKYO 8178, JUST RECEIVED.
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